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A trying year tightened the Swimsuit universe and amplified the voices within it

Editor in Chief **MJ DAY**

COMMUNITY. Among the many things we've learned over the past 18 months is how much we value being a part of a community, and how much we miss that interaction when it's taken away. But thanks to the work of many remarkable people and partners, we have been lucky enough to actually strengthen the SI Swimsuit community in these trying times.

We partnered with Hard Rock Hotel & Casino properties in the U.S. to serve as exclusive shoot locations for our issue. We encouraged our community to join us to grow stronger, and, by doing so, we teamed up with TRX Training Club to launch exclusive SI Swimsuit fitness content and classes. Wellness, spirit, style—the Swimsuit lifestyle is a life lived fully, and we explore those possibilities with a special flip cover and section in this edition.

We shifted Swim Search to a largely remote enterprise—and we ended up meeting so many amazing women that we picked twice as many finalists as intended. And because we have been working virtually, we created a community where we could not only engage with the models, swimsuit fans and supporters, but they could develop bonds among themselves, too.

We also welcomed back some familiar faces. Tyra Banks—who first appeared in the Swimsuit Issue in 1993 and most recently appeared on our cover two years ago—did a pair of interviews with our cover models. She got into a hot tub with Megan Thee Stallion to talk about body positivity, opening doors for the next generation and their passion projects. Tyra also spoke with Naomi Osaka about family, fashion and the tennis star's hidden fierceness.

And then there's Leyna Bloom, who makes history as the first transgender cover model for SI Swimsuit and also the first trans person of color to appear on our pages—further proof that the more diverse and inclusive a community is, the stronger it becomes. If there's one thing our models have in common, it's that they don't have one thing in common. They look different, have different upbringings, are of different ages, have different passions and inspirations. Each is a reminder that beauty comes in many forms.

One reason we're drawn to communities is that their members empower each other while also trying to make the world a better place. Ours is filled with incredible individuals like our many returning models and newcomers including renowned musicians Anitta and Tinashe. Countless voices in the Swim community connected, inspired, educated, encouraged and entertained us over these months of isolation. When we were able to begin to safely reenter the world, we gathered some of the most intriguing voices in the Swimsuit universe, and we celebrate them here. □

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Leyna Bloom

In 2019, the Chicago native starred in *Port Authority*, the first entry in the history of the Cannes Film Festival to feature a transgender woman of color in a leading role.

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Yumi Nu

Born in New Jersey to a Japanese mother and a Dutch father, Yumi has been a singer-songwriter since she was 12. She recently created Blueki, an ethically sourced plus-size clothing line.

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Katrina Scott

A bestselling author and host of the podcast *Live Beautifully*, Katrina was one of the first fitness experts on YouTube. The New Hampshire native reaches more than 18 million women with her message of power and positivity.

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For the past four years, Leyna Bloom has been changing the world of fashion. In 2017 she became one of the first transgender models to walk the runway during New York Fashion Week, and two years later she was the only transgender model on the runway at Paris Fashion Week. She's been named one of the "Six Women Who Are Shaping the Future of Fashion" by Glamour. *And now the unyielding advocate is breaking another barrier as the first transgender cover model in SI Swimsuit history.*

The first thing people notice about me

I think it's not even looking, it's about feeling. It's like an aura that speaks before I even open my mouth. And then right after that it's probably my eyes [laughs].

My favorite part of my body

My skin. When I'm looking at my skin, I'm looking at . . . my entire history of ancestry, on my dad's side, what they had to endure for 400 years to where I am. Who had to die, who had to work in the fields to get here. My dad always said, "You're beautiful. Love the uniqueness. Love the femininity, love the masculinity. Love it all. Embrace it all. And teach people to love it also."

What it means to be a woman

When I think of the word *woman*, I'm triggered a little bit. Because in society's point of view, people may say that I'm too much of a woman, or not enough of a woman. I'm just going to be me, regardless of what you see. I just want to be the light of femininity, but also be stern and masculine at the same time. It's evolving, the word *woman*. Five years from now those ideas are going to expand. To be just a woman is not enough. To be just a man is not enough. You have to be more than just binary.

When I feel most confident

First thing in the morning. That's a new day to start everything over. It's a fresh, new break. It's a fresh, new way of looking at things. And I'm typically writing poems. Whether it's a love poem or something about activism, that gives me my boost of confidence for the day. No one on this earth looks like me and can do what I do. That gives me power.

On acceptance

I accept everyone, regardless. You celebrate me, I celebrate you. I think that's what it's about.

Kathy Jacobs

A model and actor since the 1980s, Kathy was one of the winners of the annual Swim Search last year at age 56. She uses her platform to combat ageism and is developing a line of anti-aging skincare products.

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Tanaye White

A long jumper in high school and college, Tanaye was a communications analyst in the defense industry before becoming a full-time model. Born in Baltimore and raised in Connecticut, she was one of two winners of Swim Search 2020.

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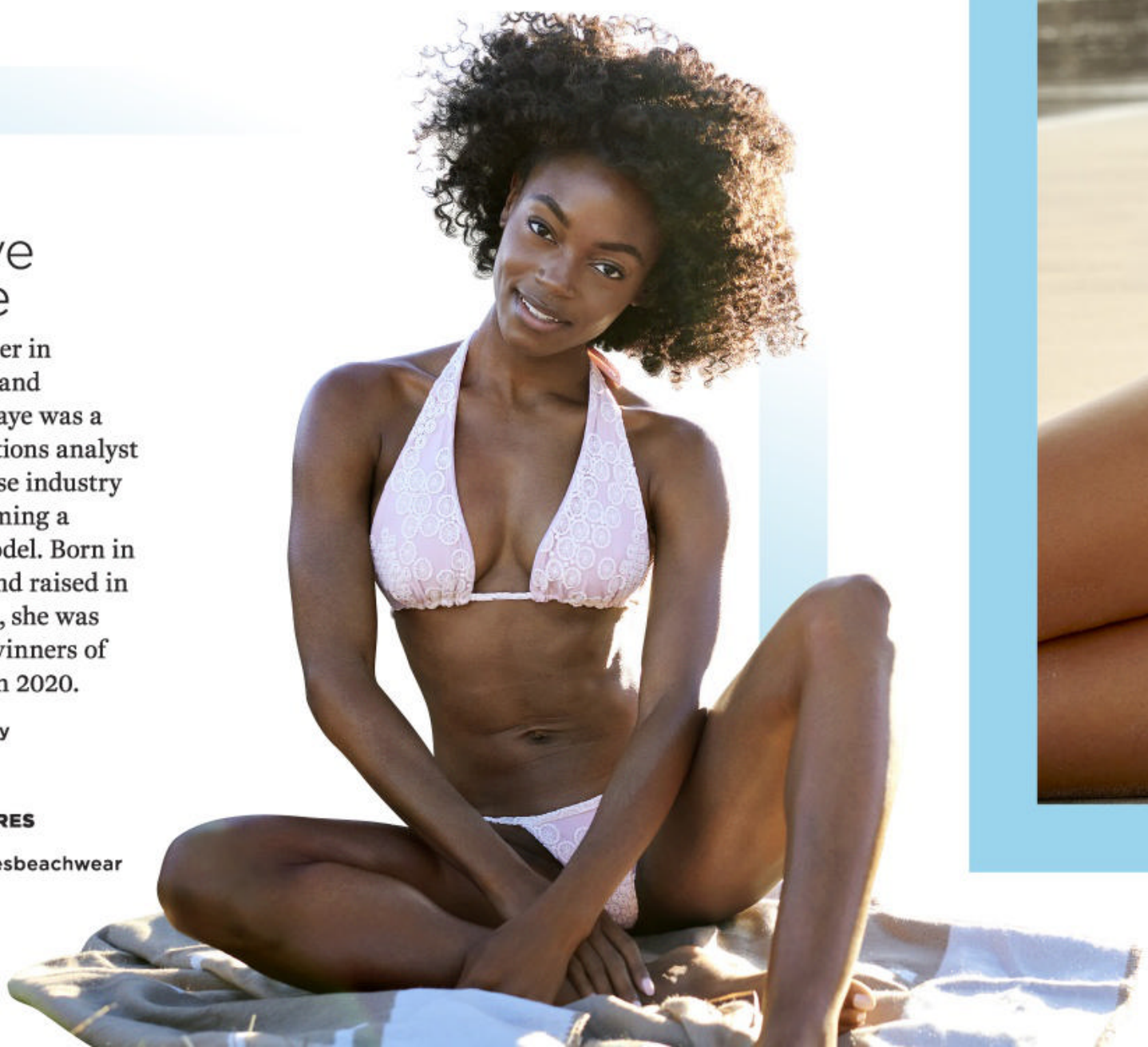

Maggie Rawlins

Maggie began modeling after getting a degree in nursing. During the COVID-19 pandemic the South Carolina native volunteered at several hospitals in Queens.

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Nyma Tang

Born in Ethiopia, Nyma is a staunch activist for women of all skin tones. Her YouTube series *The Darkest Shade* tests makeup brands' deepest tones.

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Natalie Mariduena

The Chicago-area native preaches female empowerment and body positivity to her eight million social media followers. A former college soccer player with eclectic interests, she created a merchandise line dedicated to raising funds for environmental causes.

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Unrelenting. Hot girl. Multitalented. Inspiring. Black. Curvy. Confident. Avid learner. Empowering. Real. Swimsuit cover model. Those all apply to Megan Thee Stallion, but someone else checks every one of those boxes as well: Tyra Banks. It got us thinking, *What better way to find out more about Megan than to have her talk to someone who can truly relate to her?* So we had the 2021 SI Swimsuit cover model and the 1996, '97 and '19 cover model sit down to dish. **IN A HOT TUB.**

Tyra Banks: ***I gotta say, I feel like we are living a literal hot girl summer, because not only are we hot, girl, you also got me in the hot tub.***

Megan Thee Stallion: I was like, *You know what? Let's do something sexy and exciting.*

TB: ***You're the first rapper on the cover of* Sports Illustrated Swimsuit.**

MTS: I just can't believe it. This is an honor. I remember looking at you on the cover and I was like, *This is going to be me. One day I'm going to do this. This woman is so gorgeous and I feel like we have the same body type.* I was looking at you and I'm like, *Yes! Boobs!*

TB: ***We got a lot of boobs!***

MTS: We got a lot of boobs. But I just knew I wanted to do it, too. And I was so inspired and I can't believe now I'm actually doing it.

TB: ***Do you realize how many little girls are looking at you saying, "Oh, my God, I want to rap. I want to go on that cover." What does it feel like to be first?***

MTS: I feel like everybody has a need, a want to be a little competitive. We all want to be the first *something*. But this is different because this is not coming from a competitive place. I feel like I'm opening the door for other girls that look like me to do it as well. Girl, I had to kick the door down, but somebody had to kick the door down for me.

TB: ***You have all this body positivity. Was there ever a time when you looked in the mirror and you weren't happy with something or insecure?***

MTS: I'm an only child. And my mom was also a very curvy woman. My grandmother was literally six feet tall, curvy and all of her sisters were tall and curvy. So what I looked at every day was other women who looked like me. When I would step outside of my bubble, when I would go to school, to dance practice, I wasn't even looking at the fact that anybody was different than me. But when girls started calling it out—like, "Oh, you're so tall"—it started to become something that was on my mind. So I finally asked my mom, "Why would they say this?" And she'd be like, "They're hating on you." My family always made me feel really good about myself. So it was hard for somebody to project their insecurities on me, because I felt like I was the best.

TB: ***Your mother didn't know you wanted to be a rapper?***

MTS: I wanted to rap because my mom was a rapper. I would watch her in a studio all day. And I was like, *This lady is just everything.* She was so well spoken. She was so confident.

TB: ***Before Megan was thee Stallion, she was a little colt. What do you miss about those prefame days?***

MTS: I always like to think I was famous. [*Laughs.*] No, what I do miss about being not so famous is that sometimes I feel like I used to really cut up. I like to have a good time. I used to be able to go anywhere and act a fool, O.K.? I want to go do a backflip in the club; I could do it and nobody cared! Go to the club now and it's a whole issue. Everybody's watching.

TB: ***What makes a hottie?***

MTS: What makes a hottie is just them being positive, spreading positivity. Even though in my songs I may curse or I may be a little raunchy sometimes, my message is: Girl, boy—love yourself. You

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TB: ***You have told the world that you can be sexy and be smart. You can use your bachelor's degree . . .***

MTS: My grandmother was a teacher. She always put it in my head: "When you grow up, you're going to be a hell of a woman, but you are going to have an education." So from [when I was] little, that's all I knew. . . . I go to TSU [Texas Southern University] now, and they have one of the best programs for health administration. I want to open my own assisted living facilities.

TB: ***Tell me what it is about your passion for assisted living facilities.***

MTS: Family. This is what I figured out as a kid: I'd watch my grandmother take care of my great-grandmother, and I'm thinking, *Everybody does this. This is what family is—generations of people taking care of each other.* When I got older, I started seeing that everybody's family wasn't like mine. So I wanted to create an environment where the elderly can go and still be treated like a family, where in your last days, you still feel, you still feel very cared for.

TB: ***Do you realize how many girls who would have never thought about college are applying to college right now because of you?***

MTS: It's really because I have such

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good women in my life. I always do something, some type of scholarship giveaway. I feel like, *Little girl, you can do it, too. Look what I did*. And I have it to give. My great-grandmother, you could come after school and she was giving out dollars, candy. My grandma's was the house to go to. She was such a giving woman. I feel like they definitely rubbed off on me. And I'm blessed to have everything that I have now. So I'm just like my grandma, but I'm able to give more. ▢

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Naomi Osaka has never been known for being outspoken. Naturally quiet, she pulled out of the French Open and Wimbledon rather than face mandatory press conferences, silently igniting a meaningful conversation about the mental well-being of athletes. It wasn't the first time she showed that activism isn't just about being vocal. When she won her second U.S. Open last September, she arrived at each match wearing a mask with the name of a Black victim of police violence or a racist attack. The 23-year-old is playing at the Olympics in Japan, where she lived until age 3. In May, just before the French Open, she talked with Tyra Banks.

Tyra Banks: ***You are the first Black female athlete to be on the cover of the Swimsuit Issue, and also the first biracial Black woman. How does that feel?***

Naomi Osaka: I wouldn't have thought that I would have been the first one. But I'm glad that this barrier is being broken, and I hope there are many, many more to come. And I'm sure there are going to be.

TB: ***I'm very close to my niece, who is African American and Japanese. When she was young, she didn't have role models who looked like you to tell her that she is beautiful in her uniqueness. Have you had young girls come to you or write you about what you represent?***

NO: Yeah, I actually had a couple of letters from half-Black, half-Japanese kids. There's another famous half-Black, half-Japanese [athlete]—he's a basketball player [Rui Hachimura]. Before us, they said they didn't really feel that seen or accepted, and people didn't really understand their story that well. I know that you're the only one that can write your own story. But in those letters, they said that it felt good to have representation. And for me, that meant a lot.

TB: ***Who did you look up to growing up?***

NO: My family means everything. My dad is the reason why [I and my sister, Mari] got into tennis, and that was because he watched Serena and Venus playing one day and decided that we should do the same thing. And my mom, she's the backbone of the whole family. She worked all day so she could provide for me and my sister's training. So we wouldn't see her until dinnertime, and then she would leave before we got up in the morning. And my sister, she's the one I wanted to be like. When I was little, she would beat me every day. I would get really competitive and declare to her that I'm going to be better than you. I feel like I took personality traits from all of my family members and tried to mesh them into myself.

TB: ***How would you describe your personality?***

NO: When I first came into [tennis] I would tell people that I was shy all the time. And I feel like that is still very true. But I also don't like to talk unless I have knowledge on the things that are being discussed. I really love to observe more than anything.

TB: ***I always say, the silent ones, you've got to watch out, because those are the ones that are getting all the information. You know who you remind me of? Beyoncé.***

NO: [*Laughs*] Oh! I'll take that.

TB: ***Let me tell you why. I've interviewed her many, many times. And she would be kind of soft-spoken and have this beautiful, reserved personality. And then she gets out on the stage and turns into Sasha Fierce, and—boom! And when I look at you, it's like Naomi Fierce. Have you heard that about yourself?***

NO: I've heard people say that they think I have two different personalities. On the court, I'm very confident because I've been training my whole life. So it's something that I'm confident in—I know tennis in and out. And then speaking to other people and doing everything else, I feel like I'm not as knowledgeable. So that's probably it.

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TB: ***What would you be doing if you weren't a tennis player?***

NO: When I was little, I wanted to be a marine biologist. But then I suddenly developed this fear of the ocean. I think it was from watching too many fishing boat horror stories. Then I wanted to become a zoologist, because they're primarily on land. I thought that would be a better fit.

TB: ***You're going to the Olympics to represent Japan.***

NO: It's going to be a really special moment because Tokyo is probably my favorite place in the world. I love seeing people's fashion there. I grew up in Florida, and since it's always so hot, everyone just wears T-shirts and shorts. Then when I went to Tokyo, everyone was just dressed however they wanted to express themselves. I thought that was a really cool thing.

TB: ***You are cochairing the Met Gala in September. Let's talk about that. What are you going to wear?***

NO: Definitely a bit nervous for this whole experience. I've only seen pictures of the Met online and I've always wanted to go, but I never thought my first occasion of going would be being a cochair. It's going to be something really special. And as for what I'm going to wear—I know, but I'm not sure if I'm allowed to say yet.

TB: ***So you can't say the designer. But can we have a color?***

NO: There's red in there.

TB: ***A little red. O.K. Is there lace in it? A ruffle? Is it to the knee? Is it a mini skirt? Is it flowing to the floor?***

NO: [*Laughs*] I am going to let you be surprised, I think.

TB: ***O.K., so we're just going to go with red. I like it. She's a woman of mystery.*** □

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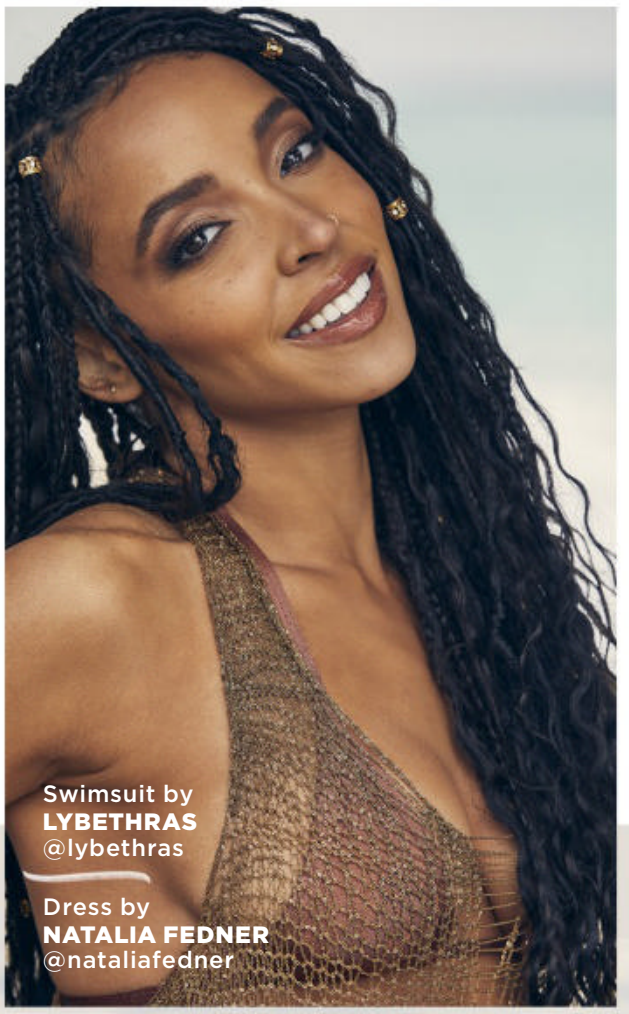

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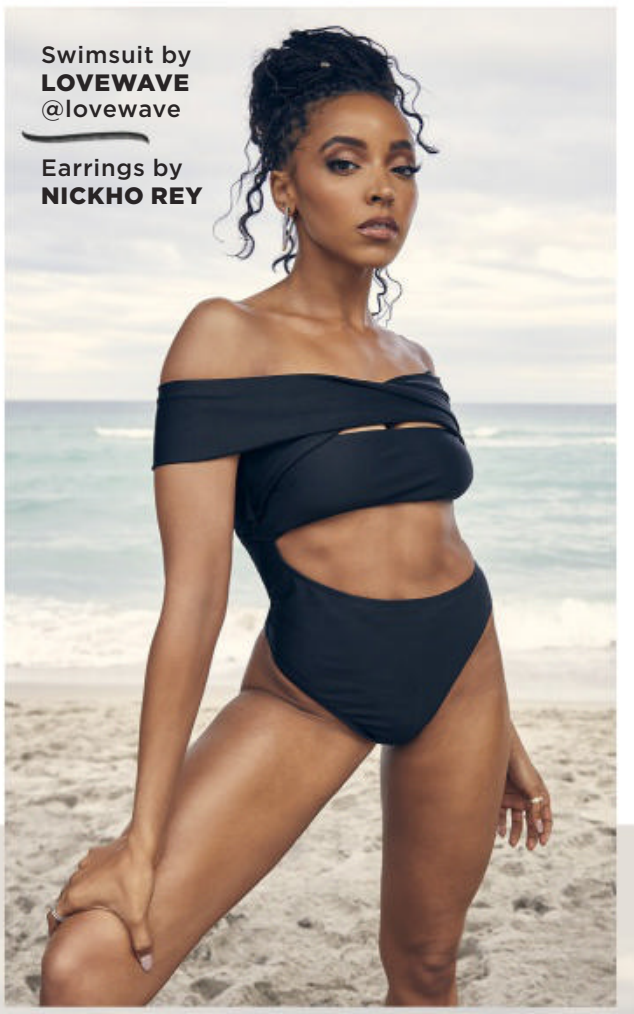

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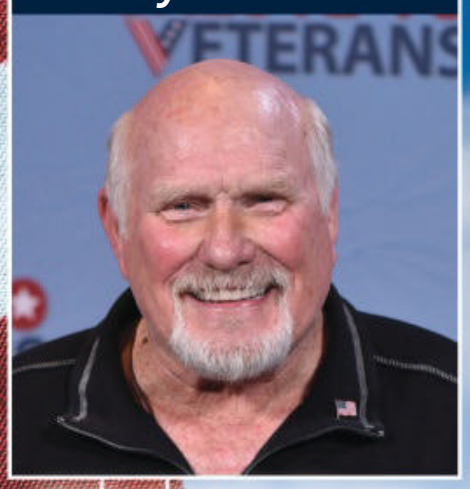

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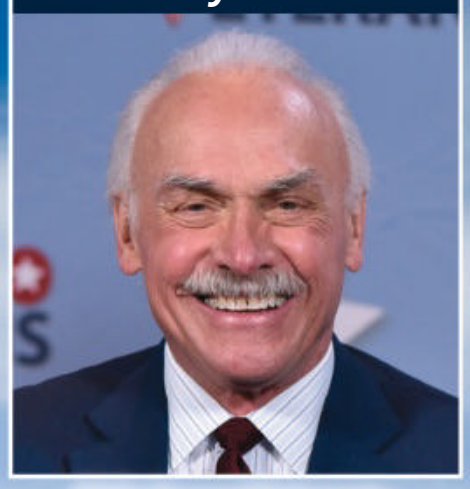

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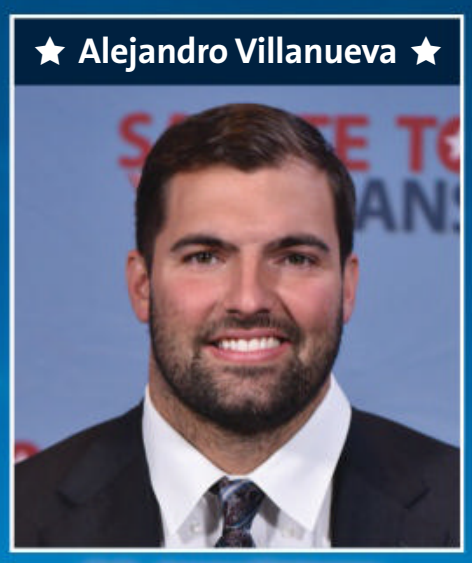

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WHERE I'M FROM
Los Angeles

WHAT I DO
Model

MY FAVORITE PART OF SWIM SEARCH
The support and friendships. I love the community-over-competition vibe. It's the best type of energy.

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Summer Wilson

WHERE I'M FROM
Greenville, N.C.

WHAT I DO
Medical sales rep and former NFL cheerleader

WHAT I WOULD TELL MY YOUNGER SELF
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Saje Nicole

WHERE I'M FROM
Fort Lauderdale

WHAT I DO
Model and actress

WHAT WINNING SWIM SEARCH WOULD MEAN TO ME
It wouldn't just be about me; it would be about anyone who has been told they aren't qualified enough, young enough, tall enough or the right race to achieve their dreams.

Swimsuit by
MONICA HANSEN BEACHWEAR
@monicahansenbeachwear

Chelsea Heath

WHERE I'M FROM
Ascension Parish, La.

WHAT I DO
Actress and chef

MY FAVORITE PART OF SWIM SEARCH
Bringing people together during a pandemic. I've listened to the most incredible stories and formed the closest bonds with so many. I feel like I have a new family.

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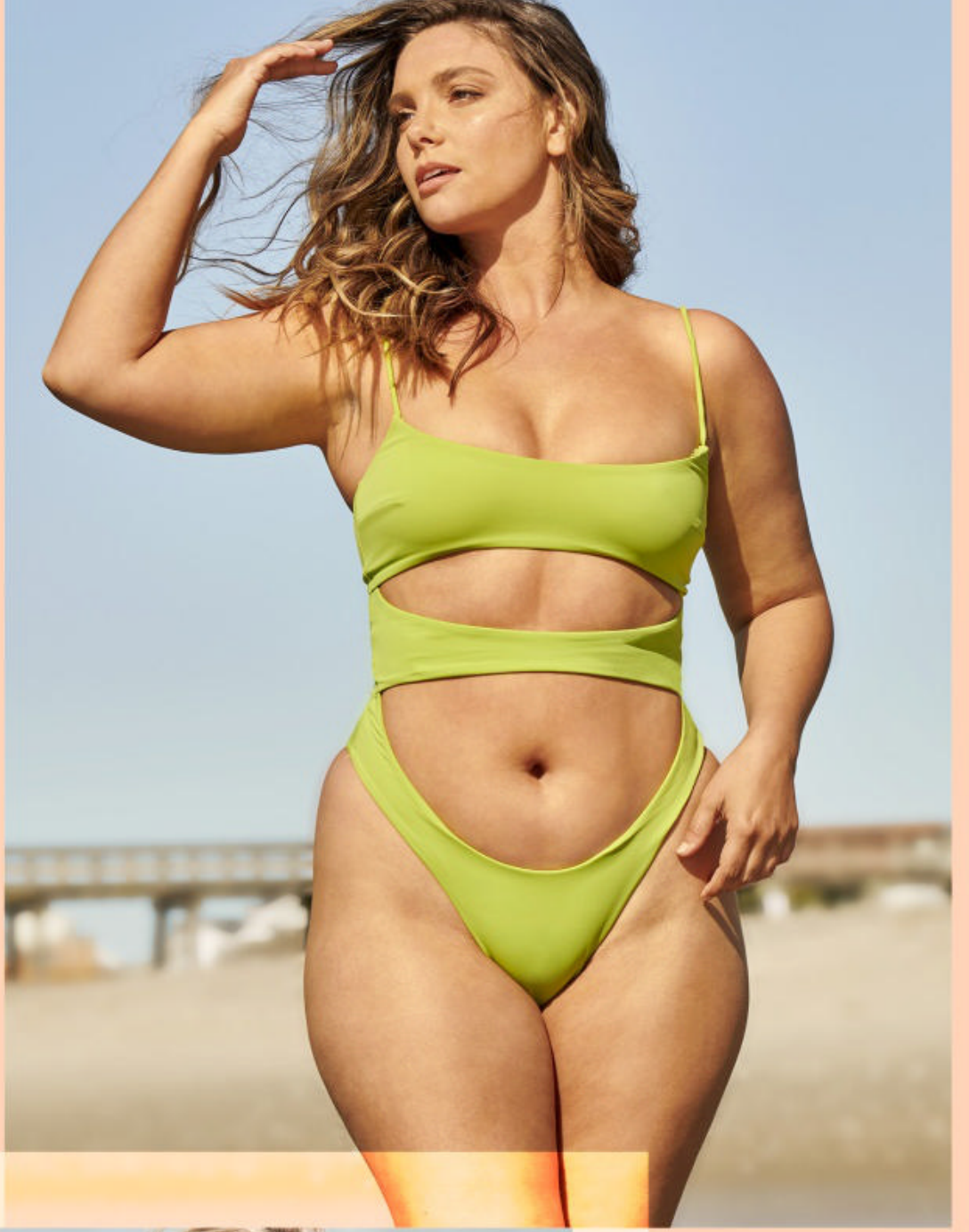

Kristen Louelle

WHERE I'M FROM
San Diego

WHAT I DO
Entrepreneur, model and mom

MY FAVORITE PART OF SWIM SEARCH
Pushing myself. I have made an effort toward my dream. I feel motivated, determined and excited—and I have made some incredible lifelong friends.

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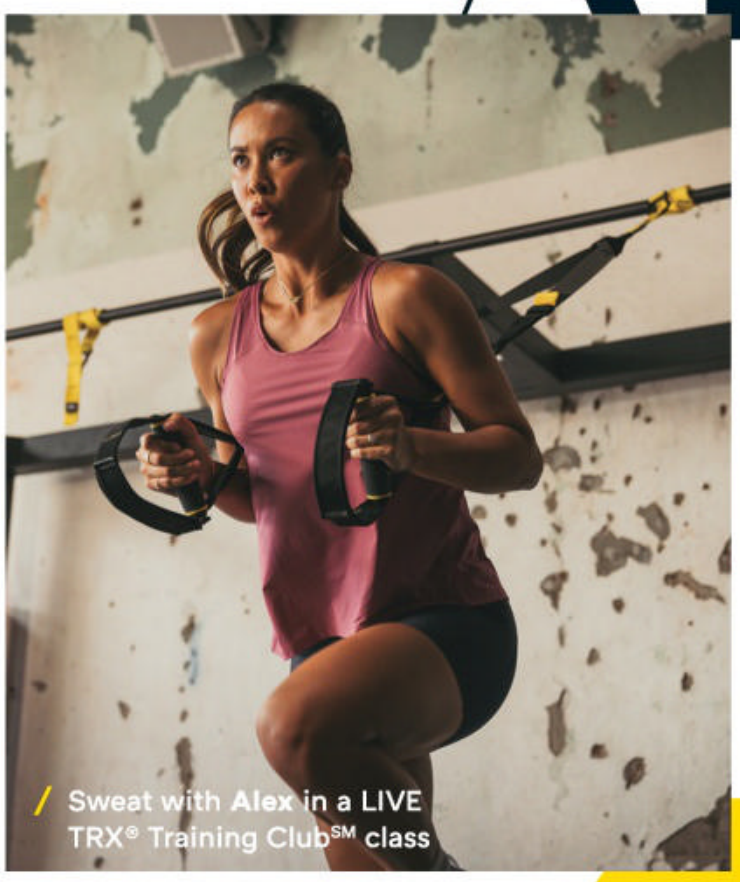

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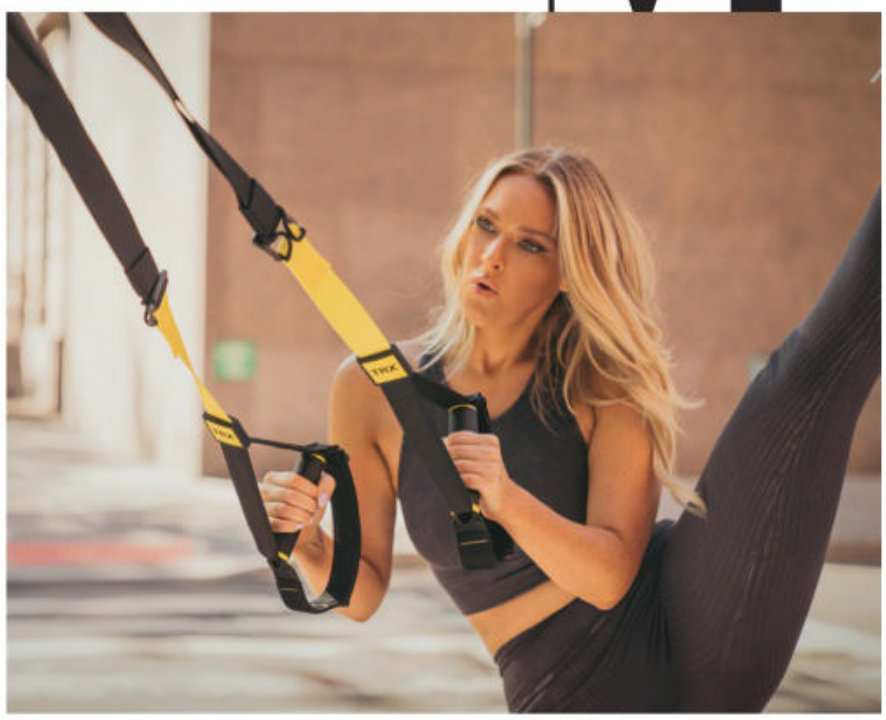

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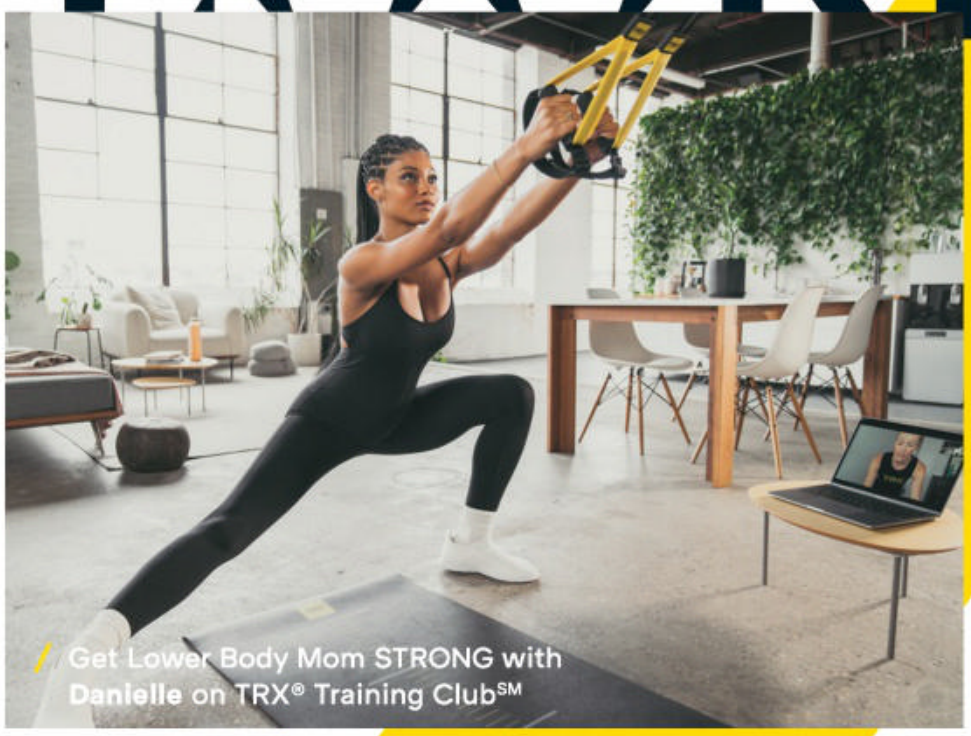

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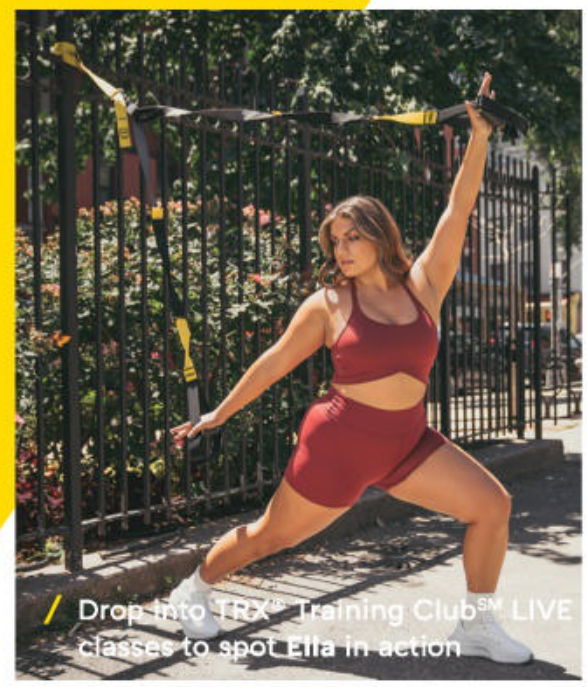

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That's right. Take a long look. Soak it up. You see, for so long, it's been about our looks. How much we weigh. The way our body curves, but only in the right places. Our measurements, or how small they are. These made-up ideas of perfection and that's it. Well, at TRX® Training Club℠ and Sports Illustrated Swimsuit, we're saying our worth is measured by more than our measurements. It's measured by our strength.

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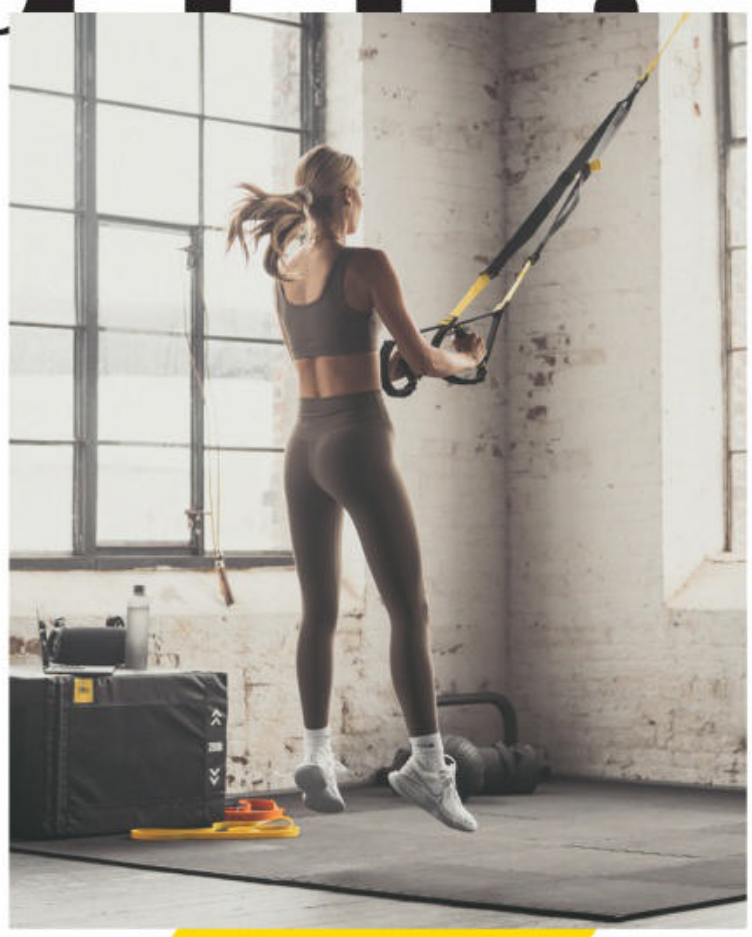

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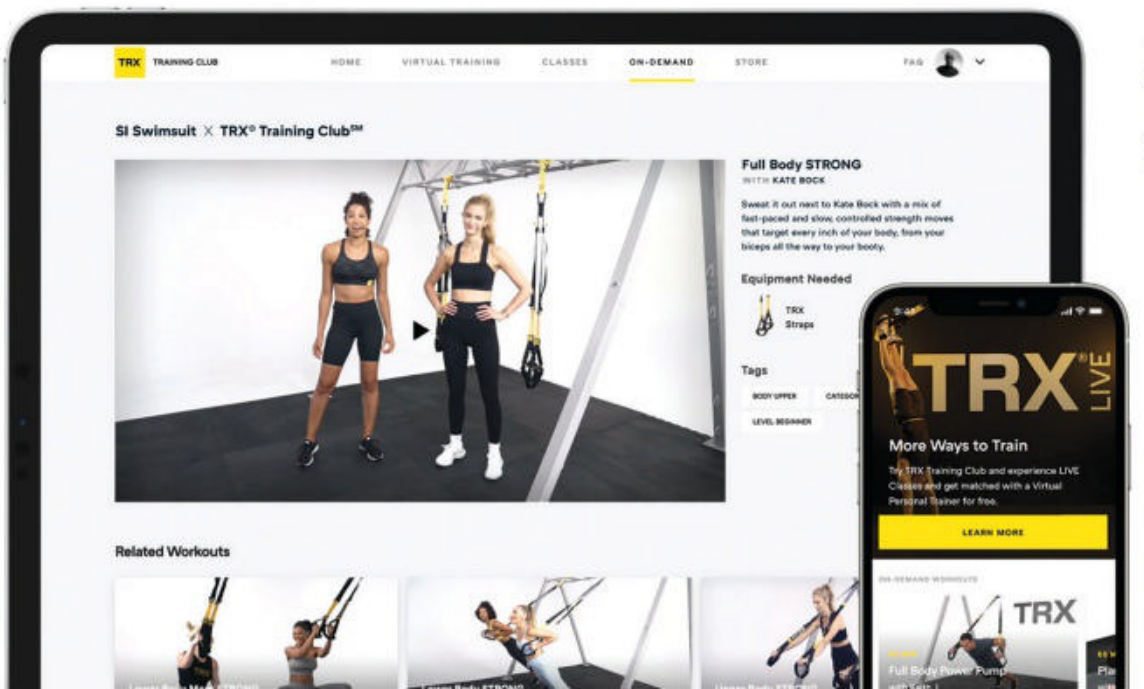

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Since its inception, SI Swimsuit has evolved to become a community of women whose beauty transcends convention, whose ambition shatters ceilings and whose commitment to living their best life inspires others to follow suit. We share stories from across that diverse community—from models and role models, to thoughtful leaders and wellness enthusiasts, to brilliant changemakers.

On our continued journey to inspire purpose, potential and positivity, we'll feature a series of collaborations with leading lifestyle brands and industry experts. Today, we're excited to announce our latest platform partnership, TRX × SI Swimsuit, empowering meaningful movement through fitness-focused conversation.

Supporting and nourishing the mind, body and spirit of your authentic self cultivates the beauty in each of us—not just swimsuit models. We believe that if you love yourself, if you connect deeply to who you are in your core, if you work at the journey of feeling fully you—and help others do the same on their journey—then there is nothing that you can't achieve.

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Fails Are Not Failure

Manifesting Success Starts With Finding Yourself

Failure. Just the word on its own hits like a punch. But why? Obstacles, unmet goals, ups and downs—in other words, *fails*—happen along our life journey. To all of us. And while we know these moments are an inevitable part of life, they still knock us down and make us question our sense of self. Here at SI Swimsuit, we see no benefit in adding shame to what is a natural part of learning, growing and navigating the world. So, what do we do to avoid the sense of failure? **By Lori Ball**

A Mantra for Facing the Inevitable Fail

Our resilience to any challenge begins with a grounded and confident sense of self. When our healthy mind, body and spirit align, we unlock an ability to respond powerfully to even the biggest of hurdles. Uninvited as they may be, fails do not have to diminish our dreams. They can instead spark an honest conversation with the most authentic version of you.

Change Up the Conversation

Just like swimsuits, fails come in all shapes and sizes. Missing out on a job assignment, going through a bad breakup or sensing you don't quite fit in ... something just doesn't FEEL right. These feelings have a way of morphing into anxiety, disappointment and self-doubt. But fails can become failure only when you give them permission to do so. When you refuse to let a fail define you, it becomes an opportunity to determine who you have the potential to be. Every challenge we come up against is also a chance to uncover an empowering perspective. It's in our response to these moments that we find our sweet spot, shifting our internal dialogue to a more constructive conversation. So how do we decipher what a fail is asking of us? How do we continue to strive toward a strong mind, spirit and identity that can allow us to take our shortcomings in stride? Don't worry, we're here to help.

Ask Yourself Good Questions

Take a minute to think about the moments in your life when you feel exceptional—the moments when you feel strong, healthy, happy, beautiful. Then let what you learn guide your actions. What is happening in your body at those moments? What are you thinking? What are you eating? How are you exercising? What are you wearing and why? Whom are you surrounded by? Keeping these answers in mind will help you make choices that fit with your goals and support you moving forward. This is self-care that matters.

Align Your Self-Awareness

SI Swimsuit is excited and ready to share our best resources for creating a more confident, more remarkable you. But you can truly begin this journey only by turning inward, understanding the importance of aligning our self-care and self-awareness. Together, these reflect the whole you—the self that others see and the self that only you know best. Think *inside* and *outside* fitness. *Inner* and *outer* beauty. These aren't clichéd concepts but real signs of a more balanced and thriving existence.

First Things First and Last: Keep Loving Yourself

What we're saying is, take charge of what you CAN take charge of. Through life's most challenging moments, it's important to take stock of all you ARE, not what you aren't. The more you turn to positivity, meaningful movement, mental health and community, the more you can use your fails to guide yourself on a more fitting path forward. Pay attention to what feels right. Embrace your inner spark and let it fuel the most radiant version of you.

Take stock of all you are, not what you aren't.

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Danielle Herrington is wearing ANDREA IYAMAH

Après Beach

This summer we're channeling an après state of mind, a lifestyle defined by what comes next. As we cool down, meet up and get back out there this season, it's all about versatile styles that transform in tandem with every version of you

Effortlessly transition from beach day to brunch date in these elevated summer staples. Breezy pastels, woven embellishments, cropped construction and splashes of saturation define this season's essentials.

Road-Trip Ready

Revive your weekender look and escape in style with these carry-on favorites and travel accessories.

IG: @camillekostek

"I'm on the road a lot, so I'm always carrying resistance bands with me. I use them in hotels and even on Uber rides or on the plane."

–Camille Kostek

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Athletic Appeal

Break a sweat while making a statement with the latest in athleisure. Purposeful layering, vintage-inspired sets and the return of the romper let us boldly blur the lines between sport style and street chic.

The Official SI SWIMSUIT Travel Bucket List

Here at SI Swimsuit, we're no strangers to travel. Captivated by the uncharted, our community is constantly exploring all the beauty that awaits us in every corner of this earth.

As we emerge from lockdown, we've put together our list of dream destination getaways. From breathtaking beaches to world wonders, we encourage you to plan your next great escape and adventure with eyes wide open. **By Esme Benjamin**

Egypt

As the last remaining wonder of the ancient world, the pyramids of Giza should be on everybody's bucket list. But there's more to Egypt than these 4,500-year-old architectural marvels. Be wowed by glittering archaeological finds at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, smoke shisha at a cafe in Dahab, dive with manta rays in Sharm el-Sheikh, or don a wide-brimmed sun hat and a kaftan as you wander through the White Desert National Park's pale chalk spires.

New Zealand

With its inhabitants' emphasis on healthy lifestyles and its breathtaking landscapes, New Zealand is often thought of as a modern utopia. This South Pacific island nation offers plenty of outdoor adventures set amid exhilarating views (here's your excuse to buy cute hiking boots). But if you prefer extreme sports, you're in luck: Brave travelers can jump out of a plane at 12,000 feet, bungee off bridges, zipline across ravines and raft down river rapids.

DOLOMITES, ITALY

WHITE DESERT NATIONAL PARK, EGYPT

Dolomites, Italy

Known for its sculptured peaks and dramatic vertical rock faces, the Dolomites in the northern Italian Alps are picture-perfect whatever the season. In the winter, travelers flock to the mountains' famed ski resorts to hit the slopes in their coziest down jackets. During the summer, visitors hike the alpine meadows, marveling at sublime vistas from every peak and valley. The region was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until the early 20th century, so come prepared with some basic German phrases to impress the locals.

Patagonia, Argentina and Chile

There aren't many areas of untouched wilderness left on the planet, but Patagonia, on South America's southern frontier, is one of them. Adventurers who make it this far down the continent are rewarded with views of volcanoes and glaciers, ancient petrified forests and vast canyons. Your options for outdoor escapades are endless in Patagonia; pack a colorful rain jacket and a water bottle for hiking along the saw-toothed peaks of Torres del Paine National Park and kayaking the wild fjords of Tierra del Fuego.

Machu Picchu, Peru

Few images capture the traveler's imagination like the mist-cloaked ruins of Machu Picchu, the 15th-century Incan citadel perched in the Andes.

Socotra, Yemen

More than 200 miles off the Yemeni mainland, and well off the radar of mainstream tourists, you'll find Socotra, an otherworldly island of steep sand dunes, dramatic mountains and virtually unparalleled biodiversity. Travelers don't come to this UNESCO World Natural Heritage destination for entertainment, nightlife and fancy restaurants; they come to get off the grid and into some of the most diverse flora and fauna on Earth. You'll want a pro-level camera to capture the distinctive "dragon's blood tree," an endemic species with a vivid red resin.

Adventure Awaits

Visitors to the Lost City can arrive by train and bus or by hiking the iconic Inca Trail. The four-day trek through the Sacred Valley follows in the footsteps of ancient Incan priests (and llamas!). When you arrive back in Cuzco, soothe those achy muscles while relaxing with your favorite bath soak.

Greece

While there's plenty to see and do on Greece's mainland (Athens, of course, and even skiing in the northern regions), it's the islands that command attention with their dazzling array of choices. Whether you're looking for fine dining or water sports, nightlife or blissful relaxation, there's an island with your name on it. Build your itinerary around several destinations—Mykonos for partying (glamorous sunglasses are de rigueur), Santorini for lavish food and wine experiences, Naxos for beaches (bring a swimsuit, or several), and Delos for archaeological sites—and enjoy a little of everything you missed in 2020.

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